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**FINAL MOMENTS OF  
GROCE AND CANNON**

GROCE PLEADED WITH GEN. MEDINA NOT TO SHOOT HIM.

The Reports That the Men Were Tortured Before Being Shot Are untrue. Cannon's Breast and Abdomen Horribly Torn From Fire.

Associated Press.  
Managua, Dec. 29.—Recent reports that the Americans Groce and Cannon were tortured before being shot are untrue. Groce and Cannon were notified of the death sentence imposed upon them at ten-thirty, November 15, and were executed the following morning.

On their way to the scene of execution they passed the open graves that were prepared for them. At one time Groce stepped out of line of march and pleaded with General Medina: "Do, do not shoot me, I am a fellow Mason."

Cannon pulled him back into line saying "Brace up, old fellow, we have no chance under Zelaya."

The hands of the condemned men were bound and their eyes blinded, and they were seated on a low bench side by side.

The firing squad of twelve soldiers advanced within six feet of the victims and Captain Saenz instructed two soldiers at his right to fire upon Groce, and two soldiers at his left to fire on Cannon. All four bullets were effective. Groce was shot through the heart, and death was instantaneous. Cannon's breast and abdomen were horribly torn and he survived the wounds only a few seconds.

**GROUND FOR SEPARATION.**

Believed to Have Been Established by Mr. Brokaw's Testimony.

Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 29.—The sensational and long drawn out Brokaw separation suit came to a close today, so far as the taking of testimony was concerned. Adjournment was taken until Saturday when the case will be submitted to Justice Putnam for a decision, after Brokaw's attorneys have presented a statement of their client's financial position.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary Brokaw's attorneys through an ex-

haustive cross-examination of her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, declared at the opening of court at Milledge today, the belief that they established by Mr. Brokaw's testimony two grounds for legal separation.

The net result of the Brokaw responses on witness stand the plaintiff's lawyers claim, should lead the court to decide that the espionage of servants upon Mrs. Brokaw was tacitly admitted by the witness and establishment shown by Brokaw's action in Paris, and statements he made in letters to his wife and mother Mrs. Blair.

**INVESTIGATION  
OF MILK TRUST**

MARVIN SCUDDER FINDS QUEER CONDITIONS.

The Borden Company Pays 6 per cent. on Its Preferred, and 10 per cent. on Its Common Stock. Surplus of Nearly Nine Millions in Ten Years.

Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 29.—Investigation into the so-called milk trust by the special deputy of Attorney General Colemen has been given an added impetus today by a startling discovery made by Marvin Scudder, the accountant employed by the state to go over the books of the larger milk companies in the city. Scudder states that the books of the Borden company showed more than \$15,000,000 out of \$20,000,000 capital stock to be represented by "Trade marks, and good will," which the accountant said represented nothing tangible in the way of assets. On the company's capitalization, a dividend of six per cent. is paid on preferred and 10 per cent. on common stock. Scudder said the books showed a surplus of \$8,824,239 made in ten years.

Six Degrees Below at Columbia, Mo.

Associated Press.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—The government thermometer registered one degree below zero this morning. At Columbia, Mo., it was six below, the coldest since 1901 at this time of year. Mrs. Carolina Schumaker of St. Louis was killed by an explosion of a heater in her home this morning.

## DIXIE VERSUS YANKEE DOODLE

LIEUTENANT SONNECK GETS INTO A PECK OF TROUBLE.

### SAID DIXIE WAS MORE POPULAR

Innocent Expression of His Observation as Chief of Music Division of Congressional Library Calls Forth Outbreak of Disapproval

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—"Is Dixie more popular than 'Yankee Doodle'?" This question apparently has divided the country into two camps. The innocent assertion of Otto Sonneck, chief of the division of music in the library of congress, in a publication on American national songs, that "Dixie" is more prominent as a patriotic popular air than "Yankee Doodle," has stirred up a hornet's nest and even resulted in threats of death against Sonneck. His office in the congressional library has been swamped with letters from various parts of the country in which the writers take exception to his statement about "Dixie." Some of these letters threaten Sonneck with dire punishment and Sonneck has requested the suppression of mention in the newspapers of his work on American national songs.

## COLDEST COLD OF THE WINTER

OHIO RIVER FROZEN THROUGH ENTIRE LENGTH.

Blizzard Brings Freezing Weather to Upper Tier of Southern States—Coal Shortage Feared Unless Weather Moderates This Week.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—This country south from the Ohio river to Northern Georgia and Alabama today experienced the coldest weather of the winter. Louisville with a temperature of 6 above is the coldest southern city, with Nashville a close second at 8. Chattanooga reports 10 degrees, Memphis 18 and Atlanta 23. Freezing weather is reported as far south as Central Alabama and Georgia, with practically the entire country covered with snow of varying depths.

The Ohio river is frozen from Pittsburgh to Cairo and navigation entirely suspended. A shortage of coal is anticipated within the week unless the weather moderates.

Extremely Cold in North.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Extremely low temperatures prevailed here today at Minnesota, North and South Dakota and portions of Manitoba. It is 18 degrees below zero at St. Paul officially, Duluth reported 16 below, Huron, S. D. 20 below, the coldest being Winnipeg where it is 28 below.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Bitter cold weather prevailed in the Missouri River Valley today. It is zero at Kansas, at Norfolk, Neb., 18 below, and Omaha 6 below, Sioux City, Ia., is reported 16 below, while at Des Moines it is 12 below, 7 degrees below zero is recorded at St. Joseph, and six below at Sedalia.

FIVE KILLED INSTANTLY.

Disastrous Result of Boiler Explosion at Electric Plant.

Associated Press.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—Five men were instantly killed today by the explosion of a boiler at the new plant of the Metropolitan Electric Company at West Reading. The night watchman had just left the plant and the day foreman had arrived, when the boiler exploded. All in the immediate vicinity met instant death.

Dork Warriors Slay for Revenge.

Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Col. Moll, the commander of the French forces at Chad, reports that 300 Dork warriors, for revenge of the capture of Abesir attacked the Mahurist outpost on November 27. The warriors killed or wounded twenty Europeans, including a Lieutenant.

Double Tragedy at Peru.

Associated Press.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 29.—A man who registered at Bears Hotel as L. B. Lenhart, Chicago, shot and killed Dora Chappell and killed himself in the dining room of the hotel soon after noon today.

## NATURE'S LAWS TRANSGRESSED

BY LODGING DIFFERENT RACES SIDE BY SIDE.

### DECLARES EMINENT BIOLOGIST

Startling Theory Advanced By Dr. Stiles Before Gathering of American Scientists in an Address Today On the Hookworm Disease.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—Among the many notable addresses that have marked the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which opened here yesterday, none have attracted more attention than that of Dr. Wardell Stiles, in which he advances some startling theories touching the practice of transplanting races from their natural habitat and placing them side by side with others of widely different characteristics. Dr. Stiles spoke on the hookworm disease of which he has made some extensive study. He declared that in the United States a law of nature was being violated, when an effort was made to lodge different races of men side by side in the same area. Dr. Stiles said in part:

"It is an unnatural biological condition to have two closely allied species of animals living side by side in the same area. In this country we have four races of animal, viz: the white, the red, the yellow and the black man,—breaking nature's laws by trying to live together. The competition of the individuals is intensified by being extended to a competition between the races and we must in the end, submit to the workings of the law of the survival of the fittest. Different races may have different diseases and after long generations of infection a relative immunity may be developed in a given race through the survival of the fittest individuals. This partial immunity to the serious effects of a disease does not imply immunity from infection. On the contrary that very immunity may tend to make the partially immune race a reservoir for infection and that infection when transmitted to a more susceptible race will, upon reaching such virgin soil, be very fatal.

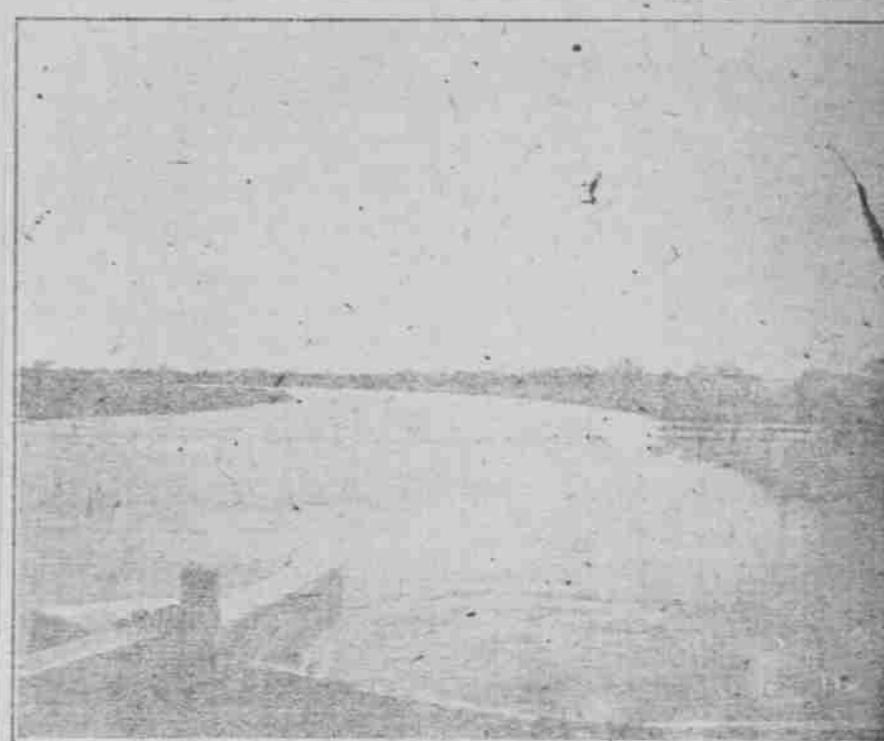
The white race has brought to North Europe. These have spread with deadly effects to the blacks. The negroes have brought to the south certain tropical diseases which have spread to the whites with serious results. These conditions are not in any way blameable to the South as a portion of the country, but upon the fact that in the United States we are violating a law of nature when he attempts to lodge different races of men side by side in the same area.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that the negro in the South lives under a handicap because of the presence of the white man's disease and because of the presence of African diseases, the white man there is also living under a handicap. Sanitary science, if backed by intelligent practical application and authority, can overcome that handicap. Theory demands that in rural negro localities with anything less than good sanitation we must find an extensive anemia among the whites; and practical experience bears out this theory among the tenant whites of the South.

"It is not only foolish but cowardly to attempt to deny the existing conditions and pay for a false sense of local pride at the price of the lives of women and children. Fortunately, the better class of thought in the South is facing facts and organizing for an extensive campaign to improve sanitary conditions. And when the South shall win its noble fight against disease the victory will be great and fully repay the efforts spent upon it."

Dr. Stiles, speaking upon child labor in the South, took a position which some of his hearers might have judged radical. He said:

"I have never defended child labor as an abstract proposition, but when I compare child labor and child misery upon the soil-polluted one-horse farms with child labor under the vastly improved sanitary conditions in the Southern cotton mills, I am forced to the conclusion that the latter is infinitely better than the former, and if it came to a choice between the two for my young daughter



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now ten years old, my duty would compel me to choose her a life in the spinning room of the average cotton mill of the South, which I have visited, in preference to a life of toll and misery on the average insatiable tenant farm I have studied.

"I am unable to join in the wholesale condemnation of the South's cotton mills for I recognize in them the best friends the tenant whites of the South have."

## HEAVY LOSSES

IN BLIZZARD

MANY SHIPS AND CREWS SAN. IN CHRISTMAS BLAST.

Storm Raged Six Days, Not Abating Until Today. Great Destruction Reported Throughout Newfoundland. All Wires Are Down.

Associated Press.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 29.—Eleven Newfoundland schooners and crews totaling sixty men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard while great destruction of property throughout this island colony resulted.

The storm which reached its height on Sunday, raged six days but today abated considerably. All telegraph lines in the interior of the island were down and reports from inland points are slow in reaching here.

New Tariff Bill for France.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Chamber de Putis today adopted a new tariff bill as a whole. The vote was 365 to 142.

Wheat and Oat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat, Dec. 117 7-8; May 111 3-8 at 1-2. Corn, Dec. 62 5-8; Jan. 62; Oats, Dec. 44; May 45 5-8.

## TO SEGREGATE BARBARIC MOROS

COL. HOYT SAYS SHOULD BE RELIGATED TO RESERVATIONS.

Tribes of Southern Philippines Far Behind Their Northern Neighbors Should Be Governed Under Separate Division.

Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Because ninety per cent of the inhabitants of the southern group of the Philippine Islands are barbaric tribes of Moros, who are either pagans or non-Christians, savage in their instincts, fighting for gain or revenge, with fanatical disregard for death, and many years behind the people of the northern Philippines in intelligence and general civilization, Col. Ralph Hoyt of the 25th U. S. Infantry, governor of Moro province, recommends that these islands be constituted a separate government and the natives relegated to reservations. He advocates segregating the Southern Islands, Mindanao, Sulu Archipelago, Palawan and smaller adjacent islands into one division to be called Mindanao Plantations.

GRAND VIZIER RESIGNS.

Sultan Dispenses With Adviser, On Account of Dissatisfaction.

Associated Press.

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The sultan accepted the resignation of Hilmi Pasha as grand vizier. The Turkish press attributes the retirement of Hilmi Pasha to differences between the ministry which resigned last night and the committee on union and progress over the general policy of the government and to reports from Bagdad of public discontent because of the existing monopoly of navigation.